

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
11/30/06

Waterfowl numbers drastically reduced with onset of colder weather. All units are about 90% froze. Total ducks around 24,000. The long-term average for this week is 230,000. No shorebirds observed. Many tundra swans have also departed. Three trumpeter swans observed on the tour loop unit. 1 adult and 2 cygnets, along south end of tour loop about 150 yards out from the road. Swans are highly visible from the tour loop unit along with several species of ducks. 40% of birds observed were visible from the tour loop, while 35% tallied were from the hunt units. Monthly record high counts of pied-billed grebes and bald eagles. All time high count of northern harriers.

Trumpeter Swan	3
Tundra Swan	8987
Snow goose	2
Canada goose	2258
Mallard	7698
Pintail	6113
GW Teal	1005
Shoveler	738
Gadwall	204
American Wigeon	1346
Canvasback	1634
Redhead	1
Scaup	1267
Common goldeneye	2526
Barrow's goldeneye	2
Bufflehead	340
Hooded Merganser	3
Red-breasted merg.	34
Ring-necked Duck	1
Ruddy duck	891
Pied-billed Grebe	77
Eared grebe	1
Western grebe	1
A.W. Pelican	3
D.C. Cormorant	3
Great Blue Heron	114
Black-crown N. Heron	13
RB Gull	958
California Gull	4
Coot	909
Bald Eagle	48
Northern Harrier	74
Rough-legged Hawk	4
Am. Kestrel	3
Loggerhead Shrike	1

Bridget Olson
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Wildlife Biologist
2155 West Forest St.
Brigham City, UT 84302
Phone: 435/734-6433